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CHICAGO MAN RECEIVES 15-YEAR SENTENCE FOR POSSESSING AMMUNITION WHILE A FELON

Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Brian A. Hale, 38, formerly of Chicago, was sentenced on August 9, 2006, by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb, to 180 months (15 years) in federal prison for unlawful possession of ammunition (9mm ammunition) by a convicted felon. Hale pleaded guilty to this charge on May 17, 2006.

Hale, a member of the P-Stone Nation street gang, was sentenced as an Armed Career Criminal because he has three prior felony convictions for violent crimes. Hale also has three felony convictions for delivery of controlled substances. In addition, Hale faces numerous charges in Dane County Circuit Court (Case No. 2005CF002871), including manufacture/delivery of cocaine; armed robbery with threat of force; burglary while armed with a dangerous weapon; and intimidating a victim by threat of force.

United States Attorney Peterson credited the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for the conviction. Peterson stated, "This fifteen-year sentence

shows that the U.S. Attorney's Office, working with our partners in district attorneys' offices, will aggressively target repeat violent criminals and drug offenders – particularly those who engage in criminal conduct in connection with gangs – and hold them accountable."

The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea.

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